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Gaming Control Board

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# DECISION OF THE LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

IN RE: BRUCE L. MCVEY NO. P040002832

This is an appeal by Bruce L. McVey from the decision of Joseph E. Anzalone, Jr., Hearing

Officer for the Louisiana Gaming Control Board, rendered on August 12, 2002, upholding the denial of
renewal of his non-key gaming employee permit by the Louisiana State Police, Casino Gaming Division.

Based on the facts and for the reasons assigned by the Hearing Officer which we hereby attach to this decision and adopt as our own, we conclude that the decision of the Hearing Officer should be affirmed.

### **ORDER**

This matter having been considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board in open meeting of October 15, 2002:

IT IS ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision is AFFIRMED.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED this the day of October, 2002.

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## STATE OF LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING JUNE 6, 2002

HEARING OFFICER JOSEPH E. ANZALONE, JR.

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Representative.

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#### APPEARANCES:

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The Louisiana State Police, Casino Gaming Division ("Division") seeks to deny Bruce L. McVey a renewal of his non-key gaming employee permit. The denial is based upon Mr. McVey's conviction of aggravated assault.

#### STATE'S EVIDENCE AND CONTENTIONS:

The State has offered, filed, and introduced into evidence and exhibit file marked S-1 in globo and containing the following documents:

- 1. Notice of Denial of Renewal Application dated April 19, 2002;
- 2. Request for Administrative Hearing dated April 22, 2002;
- 3. Non-key gaming employee permit renewal application submitted January 30, 2002;
- 4. Arrest report from Shreveport Police Department reflecting that Mr. McVey's arrest and charge of aggravated assault on May 12, 1998;
- 5. Bill of Information dated August 25, 1998, reflecting Mr. McVey was charged with Aggravated Assault, Simple Criminal Damage, and Resisting an Officer;
- 6. Court minutes reflecting a plea of guilty to the above referenced charge.

Division Intelligence Analyst, Ms. Betty Beckham, testified that she reviewed Mr. McVey's renewal application. She further testified that Mr. McVey previously submitted documents about his arrest and conviction. Mr. McVey was arrested on May 12, 1998, and charged with two counts of aggravated battery; pled guilty to two counts; was fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00); ordered to pay court costs; sentenced to sixty days in the parish prison, sentence suspended; was placed on supervised probation for a period of one year; and ordered that the weapon be forfeited.

#### LICENSEE'S EVIDENCE AND CONTENTIONS:

The licensee has offered, filed, and introduced into evidence the following documents:

- 1. Correspondence dated June 3, 2002, from Neal Slone, Director of Casino Operations reflecting a personal recommendation for Mr. McVey;
- 2. Rule to Show Cause filed with the 1" Judicial District Court;
  Parish of Caddo, requesting an order of expungement; (Note:
  The order has not been signed)

Mr. McVey testified that he's been employed in the gaming industry since 1994, and has received good employee appraisals and greatly enjoys his job.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

This court finds that Bruce McVey pled guilty to two (2) counts of aggravated assault on December 10, 1998, was sentenced to sixty (60) days in parish prison, sentence suspended; placed on supervised probation for one year; was ordered to forfeit the weapon; and fined two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each count.

#### APPLICABLE LAW:

- La. R.S. 27:28 B(1)(e) provides in pertinent part:
- B. The board or division, where applicable, shall not grant a license or permit, enter into a casino operating contract, or issue any other approval pursuant to the provisions of this Title to any person who is disqualified on the basis of the following criteria:
  - (1) The conviction of or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the applicant or any person required to be suitable under the provisions of this Title for any of the following:
    - (e) A crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(13)
- La. R.S. 14:2(13)(g) lists Aggravated Assault as a Crime of Violence
- La. R.S. 14:37 Aggravated assault
- A. Aggravated assault is an assault committed with a dangerous weapon.
- B. Whoever commits an aggravated assault shall be fined not

more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION:**

La. R.S.27:28(B)(1)(e) as amended, effective July 2, 2001, provides that the conviction of an applicant for a crime of violence as defined in La. R.S. 14:2(13) renders that applicant statutorily disqualified and unsuitable for holding a non-key gaming employee permit.

Mr. McVey, because of his plea of guilty to Aggravated Assault, is statutorily disqualified from holding a non-key gaming employee permit.

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### **DECISION**

> Joseph E. Anzalone, Jr. Hearing Officer

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